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The Holy Spirit in the New Year

[Titus 3:4-7](#)

“...and according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior...”

How is it possible that 2022 is over, and we’ve begun a new adventure? Do you have regrets, like me, about uncompleted projects or unspoken words? Did you make resolutions which were unrealistic, make none at all, or did you, like me, forget to include God first in your resolutions?

The scripture from Titus tells us that God through Jesus will enter our lives and regenerate us through the renewing of the Holy Spirit. I think this is God’s way of keeping in touch with us even when we stray far away. I was baptized at 12 after growing up in the church. It was a quiet experience, and I sometimes felt disappointed because I didn’t have the “mountain top” experience of many believers. I sometimes had a difficult time feeling that I was “saved” as had those others.

Recently, I’ve felt that the Holy Spirit is working in my life more than I’ve ever noticed before. I try to be more aware and “listen” better to understand what He is telling or showing me. I now believe that my quiet acceptance of Christ isn’t any less powerful than those more dramatic ones. God calls us, through the Holy Spirit, at different times. Some receive God’s message quickly, while others have a slow development of their faith.

In this new year 2023, I want the Holy Spirit to work more strongly in my life. This new year I will make one special resolution to be more attentive to the compelling voice of the Holy Spirit and to strive to follow His lead. I know I can only accomplish this by reading the Bible more, listening better and most of all by letting God take the lead. My hope of regeneration and renewal can only happen with God’s guidance so that by the end of 2023, I will be more in tune with the Holy Spirit’s direction for my life.

***Prayer:** Glorious Father, allow us to understand you more as we renew our connection to the Holy Spirit. Let 2023 be the year that we fully embrace the life you have planned for each of us. In Jesus’ holy name, Amen.*

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